

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 13, 2005 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch
Annie Glover, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:
Executive Action:

00:00:00 **Worker's Compensation Presentation**

00:03:09 **Introduction**

Mr. Matthew Cohn, Montana State Fund

00:10:17 **Benefits Overview**

Ms. Diana Ferriter, Department of Labor and Industry

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus09a01)

00:33:15 **Plan 1 Insurers**

Mr. George Wood, Executive Secretary of Montana Self Insurer's Association

00:48:13 **Plan 2 Insurers**

Ms. Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association, Montana Health Systems

01:12:09 **Plan 3 Insurers**

Mr. Matthew Cohn, Montana State Fund

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus09a02)

01:20:21 **Rate-making Process in State Fund**

Ms. Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

01:30:01 **Role of the Claims Adjuster**

Ms. Pat Hunt, Claims Adjuster, Montana State Fund

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus09a03)

01:47:53 **Perspective of an Injured Worker**

Mr. Jerry Driscoll, Montana AFL-CIO

01:54:15 **Regulations**

Mr. Jerry Keck, Administrative Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry

02:00:47 **Questions from the Committee**

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02:29:27

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

VC/AG

Additional Exhibits:

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